

HEWLETT-PACKARD/MAYFIELD MALL

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ENROLLMENT

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BACKGROUND

In 1990, the population of 67,460 persons lived in about 29,990 households (2.25 persons per household). In 2000, the Mountain View population of 70,708 lived in about 31,242 households (2.26 persons per household). The number of persons per household has remained relatively stable over the past decade. Of the total City population in 1990, there were about 7,531 school age children (kindergarten through high school), which calculates to about 0.25 school age children per household. Of these children, about 3,943 were of the age to attend kindergarten through 5th grade (the grade range of the City elementary schools), which calculates to about 0.13 elementary children per household.

Of the total City population in 2000, there were about 8,426 school age children, which calculates to about 0.27 school age children per household. Of these children, about 4,252 were of the age to attend kindergarten through 5th grade, which calculates to about 0.14 elementary children per household. While the number of school age children per household remained relatively level, an increase in the number of households overall created a student increase of about 11.9% in Mountain View with about a 7.8% increase to the number of elementary students in the City. Table 1, below, summarizes these school trends.

TABLE 1 Summary of Mountain View School Age Population Trends (1990 and 2000)			
Age Group (grades)	Year		% Increase since 1990
	1990	2000	
Elementary School Age Children (k-5)	3,943	4,252	7.8%
	0.13 kids/household	0.14 kids/household	
Middle School Age Children (6-8)	1,554	1,871	20.4%
	0.05 kids/household	0.06 kids/household	
High School Age Children (9-12)	2,034	2,303	13.2%
	0.07 kids/household	0.07 kids/household	
TOTAL School Age Children	7,531	8,426	11.9%
	0.25 kids/household	0.27 kids/household	
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census (www.census.gov)			

In 1990, the combined enrollment of the Mountain View and the Whisman School Districts, which serve most of the City of Mountain View, was approximately 4,543. In 2000, the enrollment was approximately 4,676, which is a 2.93% increase since 1990.

POTENTIAL PROJECT IMPACTS

The proposed project at the 27-acre Mayfield Mall site will increase school enrollment according to the number of units that are built. For the purposes of this report, we will assume a range of 200, 400, 600 or 800 total units at the Mayfield Mall site. From this estimated range of units, we will use 166 to 666 units will be located within the Mountain View-Whisman School District (83.3% of the site is within this district) and 34 to 134 units will be located within the Palo Alto Unified School District (16.7% of the site is within this district).

Using the U.S. Census 2000 City average number of kids per household (from Table 1), there would be a projected 168 school age children living at the project site (**94 elementary** children, **34 middle** school children, and **40 high** school children). Table 2, below, summarizes these projections for each City's school district.

TABLE 2 Summary of Projections for the Mountain View-Whisman School District		
Entity	MVWSD	TOTALS (maximums)
Elementary School Age Children (k-5)	23 to 93	93
	0.14 kids/household	
Middle School Age Children (6-8)	10 to 40	40
	0.06 kids/household	
High School Age Children (9-12)	11 to 47	47
	0.07 kids/household	
TOTAL School Age Children	44 to 180	180
	0.27 kids/household	
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census (www.census.gov)		

Elementary Schools

The City has two school districts serving the community for elementary schools and middle schools, the Mountain View-Whisman School District (MVWSD) and the Los Altos Elementary School District (LAESD). LAESD consists of six elementary schools and two junior high schools, including one elementary school (Springer) located at Rose Avenue and Springer Road, which has an enrollment of 455 students from the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos.

The MVWSD consists of seven elementary schools. The closest elementary school to the project site is Monta Loma at 460 Thompson Avenue with an enrollment of about 468 students with about 22 students per teacher. The next closest school, Mariano Castro, has an enrollment of

about 358 students at about 21 students per teacher. Theuerkauf, the third closest school, has about 459 students with about 22 students per teacher. The projected 23 to 98 Mountain View elementary students generated by the proposed project would be a 0.8% to 3.3% increase to the entire elementary school system in Mountain View (an existing total enrollment of about 2,964 students). If all 23 to 98 students attended Monta Loma that would be a 4.9% to 20.9% enrollment increase for that particular school with a need for 1 to 4.5 more teachers to maintain the current student/teacher ratio. Table 3, below, summarizes the existing enrollment for each school.

TABLE 3 Summary of City Elementary School Enrollment			
School*	Distance from Project Site**	Enrollment*	Students/teacher*
Monta Loma 460 Thompson Avenue	0.49 miles (2 minute drive)	468	22
Mariano Castro 505 Escuela Avenue	1.47miles (4 minute drive)	358	21
Theuerkauf 1625 San Luis Avenue	1.75 miles (5 minute drive)	459	22
Edith Landels 115 Dana Street	2.71 miles (7 minute drive)	423	22
Benjamin Bubb 525 Hans Avenue	3.10 miles (8 minute drive)	456	22
Kenneth N. Slater 325 Gladys Avenue	3.28 miles (7 minute drive)	397	21
Frank L. Huff 253 Martens Avenue	3.67 miles (9 minute drive)	403	22
TOTALS/AVERAGES		2,964	22
Source: * Mountain View-Whisman School District, www.mvwsd.k12.ca.us ** www.mapquest.com *** Some students from eth City of Los Altos			

Middle School

The MVWSD has two middle schools (6th through 8th grades). The closest one to the project site, Crittenden Middle School at 1701 Rock Street, has an existing enrollment of about 567 students (with 24 students per teacher). Graham School has an existing enrollment of about 768 students (with 22 students per teacher). The projected 10 to 40 middle school students generated by the proposed project would be a 0.7% to 3.0% increase to the entire middle school system in Mountain View (an existing total enrollment of about 1,335 students). If all 10 to 40 students attended Crittenden that would be a 1.7% to 7.1% enrollment increase with a need for maybe one to two additional teachers to maintain the current student/teacher ratio. Table 4, below, summarizes the existing enrollment for each middle school.

TABLE 4 Summary of City Middle School Enrollment			
School*	Distance from Project Site**	Enrollment*	Students/teacher*
Crittenden 1701 Rock Street	1.43 miles (6 minute drive)	567	24
Isaac Newton Graham 1175 Castro Street	2.98miles (7 minute drive)	768	22
TOTALS/AVERAGES		1,335	23
Source: * Mountain View-Whisman School District, www.mvwsd.k12.ca.us ** www.mapquest.com			

Mountain View-Whisman School District

The MVWSD may decide to accommodate this increase in student enrollment by adding teachers (and maybe adding facilities) to Monta Loma Elementary School and Crittenden Middle School. The District may also redistribute enrollment throughout the City (redefining the schools' enrollment boundaries) so that Monta Loma and Crittenden are not so impacted and so that additional teachers or facilities may not be required (the impact being spread out over nine schools instead of two).

However, the District recently indicated that the school closure task force will reconvene in October to recommend or not recommend closure of perhaps one school campus (the school board will make the final decision). Declining enrollments coupled with the need for a balanced budget were cited as the main issues for the task force to consider. Although residential units will be built at the Hewlett-Packard/Mayfield Mall site, construction of additional residential units in the City is only one factor that the District considers when making enrollment projections.